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coordinator
WESTERN WASHINGTON AMATEUR RELAY ASSOCIATION

June 2002

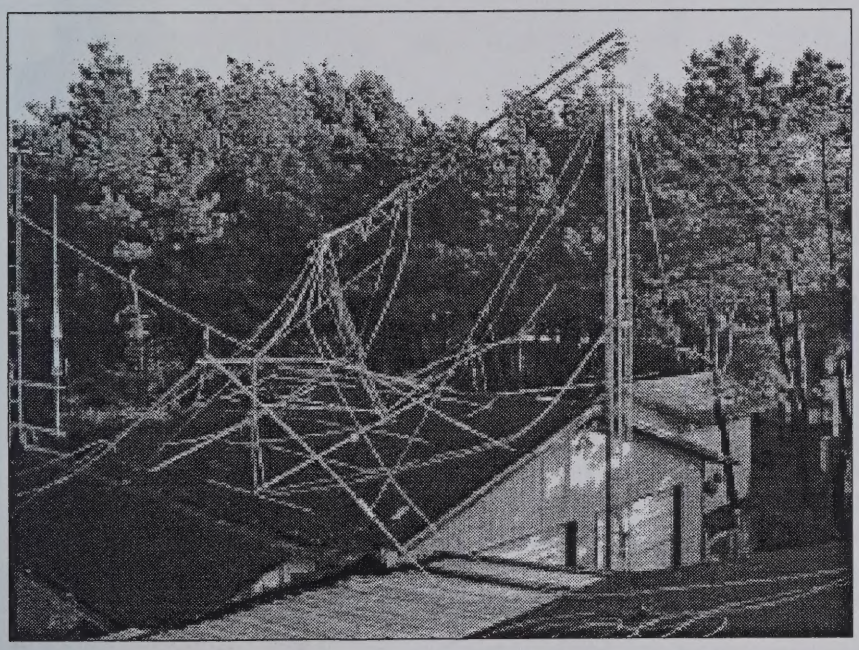
from the chairman...

FINAL EDITION

That's right. This will be the final edition of the WWARA's newsletter *The Coordinator*. For five months we have been trying, without success, to recruit an Editor to be the focal point for collecting and collating the information to produce this newsletter. At the April meeting of the general membership we made a desperate plea to fill this vacancy and presented the warning that without a volunteer, the newsletter would disappear into the annals of the way life used to be.

The requirements of this position are really quite simple. The bulk of the work is already being done by other volunteers including the tasks of layout, copy editing, publication and distribution. This is my final cry for help. If no one is willing to step up to this task **before** the June meeting, *The Coordinator* will cease to exist and we will shift all publication to the WWARA web site at www.wwara.org.

While I believe the newsletter is a very worthwhile publication to remind us of expiring coordinations, upcoming meetings and general articles of interest to the WWARA repeater community, there may be a silver lining to the cloud. The web site can be updated at anytime rather than dealing with a deadline for a written publication. Therefore, notices of expiration will generally occur more frequently and the correspondence logs will be easier to access to make sure your transactions were received and posted. This task will actually be easier done to the web site than to produce a hardcopy document and can probably be automated, in the future.



Ooops!

As a public non-profit corporation our records must be in the public domain. This requirement was the primary impetus to publish the newsletter. To satisfy the need to continue publishing the minutes, correspondence logs, and upcoming expirations, all of this information will move to our web site. The Yahoo groups remailer remains as the public viewing area for all official Board of Directors and Band Chair communications.

Also since the printing and postage costs will be eliminated from our budget, we will generate surpluses in the treasury. The board can take a serious look at membership dues and coordination fees to see if we should reduce these charges. A full accounting will be needed to determine the appropriate fees in the absence of the newsletter costs.

Perhaps the biggest concern will be that many repeater trustees depend on the newsletter publication to notify them of an upcoming expiration of their coordination. If this resource is gone, it will become necessary for

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Correspondence/Transaction Log

3/5/2002 .... $24 for Dues, from PETER DAHL, WA7FUS
3/9/2002 .... TD, $12 for Dues, from RON BURDEN, KC7ONX
3/9/2002 .... $12 for Dues, from CARL LEON, N7KUW
3/9/2002 .... Donation, $3 for from DAN YERKOVICH, N7TSK
3/9/2002 .... $102 for RD, from MARK MC CLAIN, N6OBY
3/11/2002 .. TD, from ERNEST BEETZ, K7BTZ
3/19/2002 .. TD, $15 for CF, from CECIL A BURLESON, K7HW
3/23/2002 .. $36 for Dues, from GENE COLSON, W7UVH
3/27/2002 .. TD, $34 for Dues, RF, from BRIAN RADABAUGH, KG7PD
4/1/2002 .... TD, $10 for RF, from LESTER CRAWFORD, AB7Y
4/6/2002 .... TD, $15 for CF, from NORMAN CUFFEL, KB7PL
4/6/2002 .... $12 for Dues, from LAURENCE LOREE, K7HRN
4/6/2002 .... Bylaws/Policies Survey response, from ALLEN HART, N7FYU
4/6/2002 .... $12 for Dues, from BILL THOMPSON, K7OLY
4/6/2002 .... TD, $10 for RF, from HADLEY ALLHANDS, K7MLR
4/6/2002 .... Correspondence from, from CARTER POWELL, W7IAG
4/6/2002 .... TD, $15 for CF, from ROGER HANSEN, W6TOZ
4/6/2002 .... Donation, $40 for Dues, RD, from DALE BOGGS, K7MJ
4/6/2002 .... $12 for Dues, from JAMIE HUGHES, KD7HPE
4/11/2002 .. TD's, $20 for RF, from ROBERT JOHNSON, WA7ZWG
4/11/2002 .. $54 for Dues, RD, from GRAYS HARBOR ARC, W7ZA
4/11/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from KEVIN BOZICH, KC7IYU
4/11/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from MIKE OLDS, WA7ZUS
4/11/2002 .. TD, $10 for RF, from THOMAS MURPHY, N7QHX
4/11/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from HAROLD TODD, W7ZXM
4/19/2002 .. TD, $15 for CF, from DOYLE WENZEL, N7UJK
4/19/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from GLEN KRISTENSEN, N7UIG
4/19/2002 .. Payment for advertising, $50 for from RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA, W7DK
4/30/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from DOYLE WENZEL, N7UJK
4/30/2002 .. $12 for Dues, from N MASON ARES CLUB, NM7E

CF = Coordination Fee ..... TD = Technical Data Sheet ..... RF = Renewal Fee ..... RD = Repeater Directory

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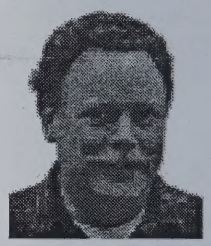
trustees to check the web site or keep track of their own expiration dates to avoid missing important renewals. Five years is a long time to remember when your expiration will occur and the newsletter has been very useful to remind trustees of the upcoming action.

I do not view the disappearance of *The Coordinator* as a failure, rather more a sign of the changing times and technology. It has always been difficult to recruit members to volunteer precious time for administrative duties. Now that nearly all hams have access to the Internet, mailings may not be needed. Maybe at some point we will be able to issue automatic email notices to expiring co ordinations that will be even more targeted and timely than the newsletter. We are still planning, in the near future, to accept electronic payment for membership dues, coordination fees, and directory sales through the web site. Clearly the web site will become our primary method of communication with the membership. It will be important for everyone to check in frequently to learn what is going on within the WWARA.

As your Chairman, I remain committed to posting articles at the web site to inform you of important happenings. Others may also contribute content to the site by making submittals. We might consider a link page to repeater sites on the WWW that are listed in our directory. Your suggestions are appreciated as we continue to shift more of our emphasis to the electronic media. We still need volunteers to achieve these goals so don't think you can totally escape my pleas for help.



John Schurman, AA7UJ
Chairman WWARA

Western Washington Amateur Relay Association

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Check enclosed for:

___ Year Membership Dues @ $12/year $ _____
___ Coordination Fee @ $15 ea for 5 years _____
___ Coordination Renewal Fee @ $10 ea for 5 years _____
___ Repeater Directory @ $6 ea (member); $8.95 ea (non member) _____
* include $1.50 shipping/handling for each directory _____

Check # _____ **Total enclosed** **$** _____

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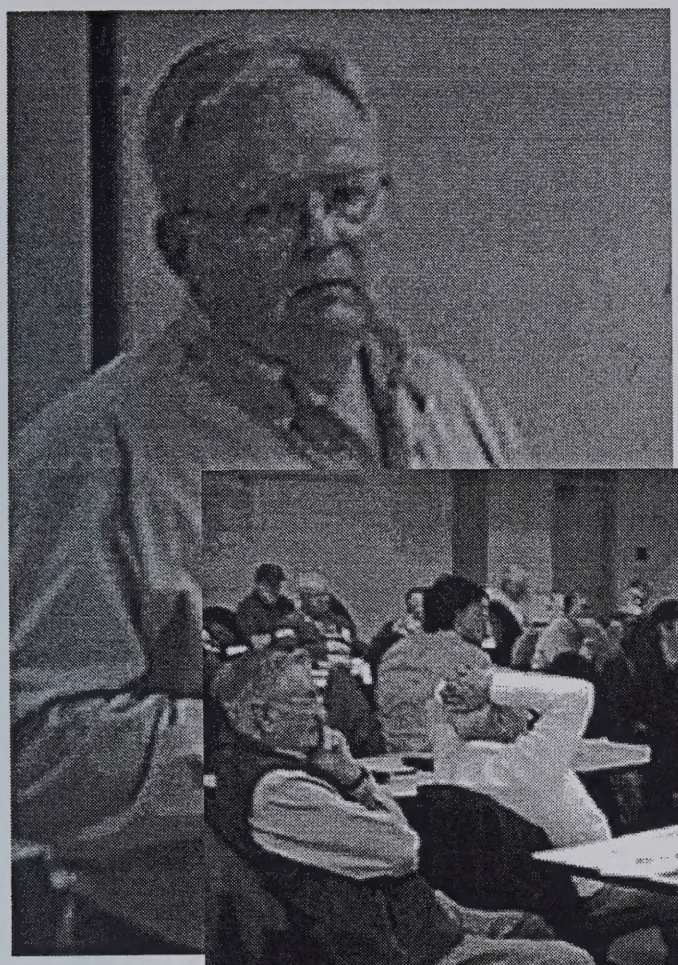
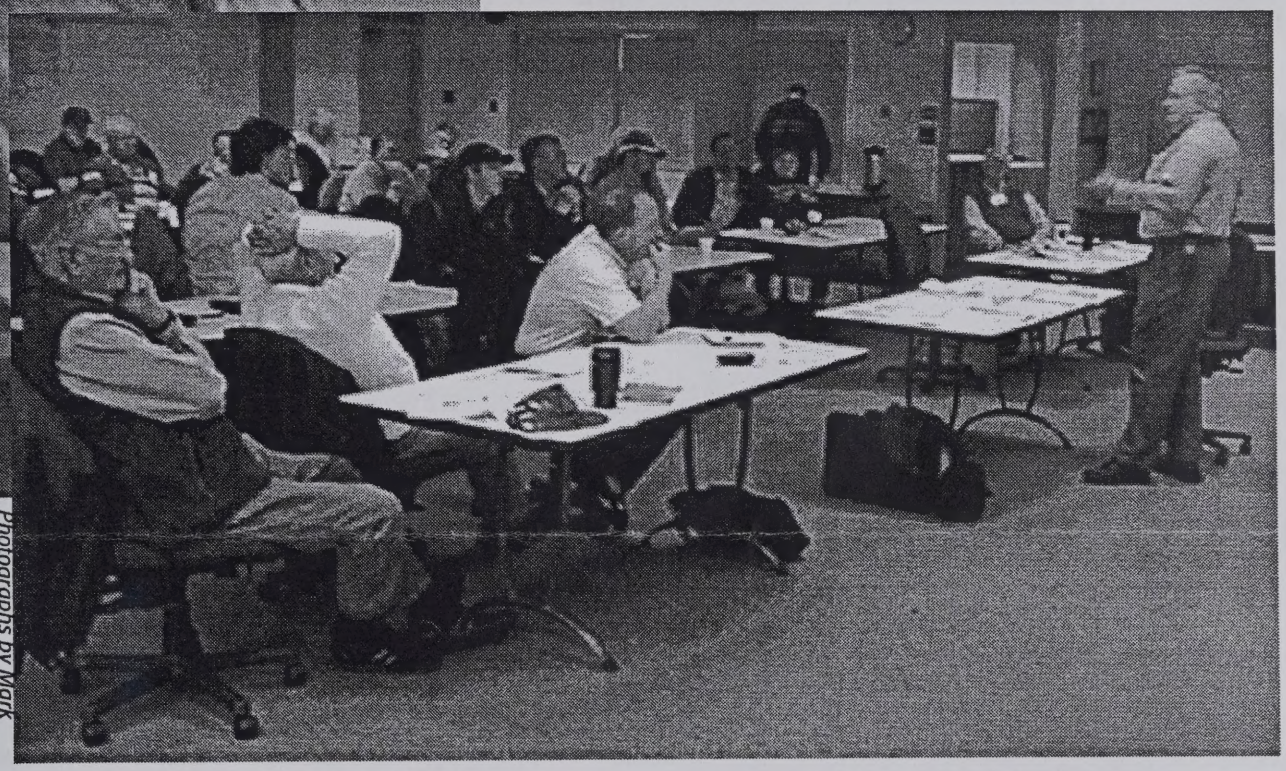


John Muir-VE7BEU chairs the recent annual meeting of British Columbia's Coordination Councils



Photographs by Mark McClain-N6OBY

By John Schurman-AA7UJ and Mark McClain-N6OBY

Sunday, April 24, was a long day but well worth the trip to North Vancouver to attend the British Columbia Amateur Radio Coordination Council's Annual Meeting. We left Kirkland at 6 a.m. to attend their 10 a.m. meeting, held at the RCMP EOC.

Our Canadian counterparts very graciously received us and welcomed our comments and opinions on a variety of topics throughout the meeting. They were pleased to see us make the effort to join their proceedings and hope to attend one of our future meetings. They have individual coordinators divided by area served, so they are only able to get together once per year as the distances people must travel from are lengthy.

The Council has their authority assigned by Industry Canada to coordinate repeaters and fixed channel simplex operations. A repeater is granted license and coordination for life.

Their membership numbers are declining in terms of participation to half of 1998 levels and the number of requests for new coordinations was almost nil. It was interesting to observe the similarities and the differences in how our organizations operate considering we have common objectives.

They discussed the declining use of their packet frequencies and are going to look at reallocating some of the packet channels to internet-based linking. The use of I-Link on simplex channels is creating quite a controversy as channels can be tied up for hours in reflector mode.

We enjoyed a nice after meeting lunch at the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal as many of the attendees came from Vancouver Island and points north. We definitely need to include this annual participation on our calendar of officer events to continue the cooperation we experienced on this trip.

Minutes

April 6, 2002 General Membership Meeting

The April 6th, General Membership meeting was held at the Bainbridge Island Fire Station. Chairman John Schurman-AA7UJ, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was circulated. In attendance were: John Schurman-AA7UJ, Herman Entz-K7PAG, Jon Marcinko-WR7JM, Craig Hagstrom-AC7BV, Bob Lewis-W7AN, Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE, Richard Saunders-KA7FUR, Peter Dahl-WA7FUS, Ed Bruette-N7NVP, Steve Szombathy-W7UDI, Roger Hansen-W6TOZ, and Mark McClain-N6OBY.

The minutes of the February 7, 2001, General Meeting were approved.

Current financial statements were distributed for review. A motion passed to approve the financial reports.

ADJACENT AREAS

—IACC: The Secretary reported that Doug Rider sent his updated data for use in the upcoming repeater directory.

—B.C.: The Secretary reported that Al Muir-VE7BEU, and George Merchant-VE7CHU, are making arrangements to provide the BCARCC coordination data for use in this year's repeater directory.

—ORRC: The Secretary has sent an email to ORRC President, Steve Humphrey-KA7A, to request their coordination data for the repeater directory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

—Technical: No one was present from the Technical Committee. There was a discussion regarding an issue raised by a user of the 147.100 repeater in Chilliwack, BC. Correspondence received from Rein Neem-KC7MHN, questioned why the Chilliwack repeater and the 147.100 on Tiger Mountain appear to be using the same CTCSS tone, and users in Northern Washington and BC bring up both repeaters. It was noted that the Tiger Mountain repeater has been coordinated with the use of 103.5 tone long before the BC repeater was placed on the air. This appears to be an issue with one or two users at this time. Bob St. Andre-WA7NAN, owner of the Tiger Mountain system said he has not been contacted by anyone regarding this issue.

—6/10 Meters Board actions: None.
Other/Pending: A status report of pending 6-meter activity was provided by Ed-N7NVP. Regarding the construction of 53.63, Ed said the applicant will not be able to complete the construction before the extension expires. He will re-apply when ready.

—2 Meters Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the coordination of 145.900-Kirkland to AA7UJ. The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
Other/Pending: Mark-N6OBY provided status on the 2-meter activity for the Band Chair, Pete-K7PP, who was unable to attend the meeting.

—220 Board actions: None. Peter-WA7FUS was present and reported that there was no activity during the period.

—UHF Repeaters Board actions: None. The Band Chair was not present.
Other/Pending: Nothing reported.

—UHF Links Board actions: Previous to the meeting, the Board approved the coordination of; 430.650-North Mountain to K7CH, 440.350-Mercer Island to W7IAG, and 442.250-Green Mountain to K7OET. The membership had no questions and supported the approval.
Other/Pending: Jon-WR7JM provided a status report for his UHF link coordination activities.

—900/1.2 Board actions: None.
Other/Pending: Gene-W7UVH was not able to attend the meeting, but provided a current listing of the 900 Mhz coordinations, as well as numerous systems that are being worked on at this time.

—NFCC Business: Clay-K7CR, was not present.

OLD BUSINESS

—Modification of Technical Data Sheet: John-AA7UJ requested that progress be made on the Technical Data Sheet revisions and asked that a draft be presented at by the next meeting. There was discussion about electronic submission of Tech Data Sheets. Concerns were raised about how to validate the individual submitting a new or changed Tech Data Sheet, and also insuring that the process include a way to verify that the applicant has read the Coordination Policies and agrees to abide by them. Ed-N7NVP raised a question about repeaters that have their CTCSS tone shut off during nets.

—Review of UHF Links and Band Plan: Jon-WR7JM gave status and is looking at the use of 12.5 kHz channel spacing for links. He will finish his review and report by next meeting.

—Bylaw and Coordination Policy Review: Bryon-WB0CZA was not present. John-AA7UJ said he is asking Byron to group the responses to questionnaire and prioritize them so we can continue to work through the process. There were a number of responses via the remailer, and two hardcopies mailed in.

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—Letter to the FCC regarding the proposed use of the 430 MHz spectrum by the SAVI technology: John-AA7UJ sent a letter to the FCC on behalf of the WWARA.

NEW BUSINESS

—Repeater Directory: John-AA7UJ asked for a volunteer to spearhead the 2002-2003 Repeater Directory project. There were offers. Jon-WR7JM offered to assist John-AA7UJ with the advertising portion. Jamie-KD7HPE offered to work on the front cover. Roger-W6TOZ has already started to re-create some of the text pages. Mark-N6OBY will compile the listing data once it is received from Oregon. BCARCC and Doug Rider have already provided the data for BC and Eastern Washington. Mark-N6OBY is also working on maps for this year's directory that will plot the WWARA repeaters. No official release date is being set at this time.

—Newsletter: No one has volunteered to be the Editor of *The Coordinator*. One more issue will be printed and mailed, and will include one final request for assistance. If we do not find a volunteer, the newsletter will cease to be published. Meeting minutes and correspondence activity will be published on the webpage.

—Future Meeting Locations: Gard Forester-KF6GAQ has secured a location in Lacey for our next meeting on June 6. The address is Lacey Fire Station #34, 8407 Steilacoom Rd SE, Lacey, 98513. Mark-N6OBY has created a Word document in our YahooGroups Files to hold meeting location info for future reference.

—BCARCC Annual Meeting: Mark-N6OBY has been in contact with George Merchant-VE7CHU and Al Muir-VE7BEU regarding our attending an upcoming BCARCC meeting. The BCARCC holds an annual meeting and this year's will be held on Sunday, March 28. John-AA7UJ and Ed-N7NVP also expressed interest in attending. Mark will put an invite on our remailer to see if others want to go. We will arrange to carpool.

—Band Plans: John-AA7UJ is going to push a request to the NFCC asking them to deal with the lack of CTCSS used on 10-meter repeaters across the nation.

—General: 1) Herman-K7PAG thinks we need to review the amount of money that has accumulated in the treasury. There was agreement amongst the members present that we should do a review. Peter-WA7FUS asked if we have ever considered a grant or scholarship program. John-AA7UJ will include this in a posting on the remailer. 2) John-AA7UJ advised that he accepted a resignation from Ralph Lucier-KA7VEE for the UHF Repeater Band Chair position. Jamie Hughes-KD7HPE offered to take over. Herman-K7PAG and Bob-W7AN offered to assist. The Board will hold a vote via the normal polling process. 3) Ed-N7NVP reported there was a notice by the ARRL that our 2.4 GHz spectrum is being looked at for commercial uses. Info is available on the ARRL webpage.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 7 p.m. The location and directions will be published on the WWARA web page prior to the meeting.

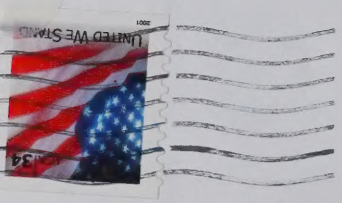
A motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Minutes by Mark McClain- N6OBY, Secretary.

Next Meeting
Thursday, June 6
7 p.m.

Lacey Fire Station #34
8407 Steilacoom Rd SE
Lacey 98513

From Interstate 5 (I-5) take Exit 111/Martin Road NE.
Go South on Martin Road for about a mile.
Head East (left) on Steilacoom Road SE for about .1 mile.
The Fire Station is on the right.



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June 6, 2002
–7 p.m.–
Lacey Fire
Station #34

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